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2012-2016 Active Committees

It has been one year since the new IGA Board of Directors was put in place. During that time we have been very busy. Many new Regional Directors and Country Representatives have been added, and now we want to let you know about the committees that were recently formed.

12th ICG Committee

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Development of a Continuous Lameness Scale for Goats

A few of our colleagues are coordinating the AWIN project in Portugal and working with intensively kept dairy goats. They are in the process of validating a lameness scale. They have created an online survey and want as many responses as possible from all around the world. They are asking for responses from farmers, vets, researchers, students and others, even if they do not have much experience with goats.

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If you have any questions about IGA or what we do, contact [Christian De Vries](#) our Executive Director.

Special offer for IGA members

The International Goat Association is proud to offer a special discount on any of the more than 400 books relating to FOOD SCIENCE at Wiley.com to all current members and those who renew or join before November 31.

Joining the IGA is simple and one of the best decisions you'll make this year. There are several benefits for those who become mem-

bers now:

- IGA memberships are effective for 1 year from the date you join.
- All IGA memberships include online access to Small Ruminant Research.
- Receive up-to-date information on IGA regional conferences.
- Access to other important news and information through the IGA Newsletter.

Member dues are \$50 USD for a basic membership or \$150 for a membership with hardcopy subscription. We encourage you to join for multiple years.

Pay your membership dues online, visit the [IGA Store](#).

Need more information, e-mail: admin@iga-goatworld.com.

Book Announcement: Milk and Dairy Products in Human Nutrition

YOU CAN SAVE 20% ON THIS BOOK IF YOU'RE AN IGA MEMBER!

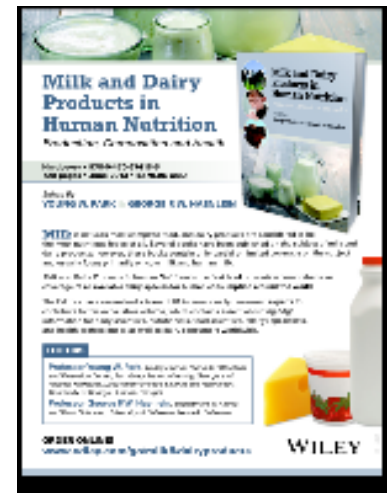
Milk is nature's most complete food, and dairy products are considered to be the most nutritious foods of all. Several books have been published on the subject of milk and dairy products; however, these books contain only partial or limited coverage on the subject and usually focus primarily on cow milk and human milk.

Milk and Dairy Products in Human Nutrition is the first book to contain comprehensive coverage of all available dairy species for human consumption around the world. The Editors have assembled a team of 61 internationally renowned experts to contribute to this exhaustive volume, which contains essential cutting-edge information for dairy scientists, nutritionists, food scientists, allergy specialists, and health profession-

als, as well as dairy consumers worldwide.

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Transcervical (non-surgical) embryo recovery in dairy goats

Special thanks to the British Columbia Goat Association (bcgoatassociation@gmail.com) and Dr. Brian W. McOnie, Creekside Animal Clinic Ltd. Vernon BC (creekside@uniserve.com).

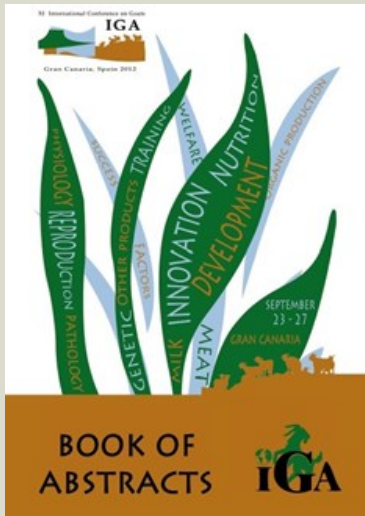
Embryo transfer (ET) is a recognized reproductive technology in food-animal production. It allows genetically superior females to make greater contributions to breeding programs. Also, appropriate processing of embryos recovered from animals infected with chronic viral and bacterial infections means those embryos can be transferred to healthy recipients with virtually no risk of disease transmission. Recovered embryos can be frozen for transfer at a future time or different location. The sale of embryos obtained from valuable donors represents an income stream for while breeders can retain ownership of

their valuable donors.

The small size of goats has limited the routine commercial application of ET to surgical procedures. Although surgical ET is successful when performed by skilled and experienced practitioners, several factors have discouraged its widespread adoption, especially in dairy goats. Surgical ET implies risks with anesthesia and surgery. It requires specific equipment, training and expertise. Many dairy goat breeders have not taken advantage of the benefits of ET due to their perception of these risks.

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11th ICG Book of Abstracts is available online



The Book of Abstracts for the 11th International Conference on Goats is now available online. It is a wonderful resource!

It is 451 pages and covers:

- Invited Talks
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- Posters

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ours to get you started:

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- [10th ICG in Recife, Brazil](#)
- [11th ICG in Canary Islands, Spain](#)
- [Upcoming 12th ICG in Antalya, Turkey](#)

Regional IGA Conference on Goat Milk Quality, Tromsø, Norway, June 4-6, 2013

The motivation for a conference on goats in Norway was based on two wishes. One wish was to welcome international experts on goats to a regional IGA conference in Norway, and the second was to finalize a national scientific project on goat milk quality with a conference on this topic. These two wishes were merged together and the idea was supported by the IGA Board.

The Regional IGA Conference on Goat Milk Quality took place in

Tromsø, Norway 4-6 June 2013. Organizers in collaboration with IGA were Bioforsk (Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research), UMB (Norwegian University of Life Sciences and Tine (Norwegian dairy cooperative). 70 attendants (speakers included) was a little less than we had hoped for, but was a good number when you consider that travel costs, food, etc. are rather high in Tromsø. Located in the arctic region of Norway,



Tromsø is where you find the northernmost agriculture in the world.

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AGBA Second Annual Conference, September 27-29, 2013

Special thanks to [GoatKeeper](#) for this report.



Producers from around the province came together in Camrose,

Alberta, September 27, 28, and 29, to celebrate their involvement in Alberta's goat industry. The event kicked off with a BBQ and social Friday night, and although the weather was nippy it, didn't dampen producers' spirits as everyone enjoyed the food, catching up with their fellow producers and making new friends.

Saturday's session concentrated on learning. Producers listened to presentations from Dr. Duane Landals - "Maintaining Access to Animal Medications in a Changing

World," Louise Liebenburg - "Livestock Guardians," Laurie Fries - "Traceability, I.D., and the Producers," Lee Sexton - "Goats and Pasture Management," and Dr. Kathy Parker - "Herd Health & Management." Our young goat producers were not forgotten as AGBA directors, Lori Latreille, John Henderson, and Robyn Andersen led a specially designed session for our Junior Convention in the afternoon.

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Are you an IGA member?

Did you know that you can pay your membership online through the [IGA Store](#)?
Now is a great time to join:

- Memberships are 1 year from when you join.
- Memberships include online access to *SRR*.
- Latest information on regional conferences.
- Receive the IGA Newsletter.

European Regional Conference on Goats, Hungary-Romania, 8-11 April, 2014

We would like to invite you to the European Regional Conference on Goats 2014, a cross-border conference to be held in Debrecen (Hungary) and Oradea (Nagyvárad, Romania) from 8 to 11 April 2014!

The goat sector in Central and Eastern Europe is very diverse regarding types of breeds, production systems and numbers of animals. Each region has its own indigenous breeds with unique characteristics - however, they also share many similarities. Exotic / international breeds (i.e. Saanen, Alpine, Nubian, Boer, etc.) also play an increasingly important role in these countries.

Some of these goat breeds are utilised for meat production, however, the major proportion of animals are used for milk production. There is great variation in production systems, including traditional, industrial, conventional and ecological types. Herd sizes range between a couple of animals to hundreds of goats, although very few farms have more than a thousand animals.

The efficiency and sustainability of



goat farming remain key issues that affect the broader population and should be examined from various perspectives. Questions about animal health and welfare, the impact of goats on the environment (including emission of greenhouse gases) should be investigated as well. The close relationship between consuming goat products and healthy human nutrition is well known among scientists. However, marketing campaigns are needed to draw the attention of the different consumer groups to this fact.

These exciting topics inspired Hungarian scientists to organise a regional conference on goats in close co-operation with Romanian scientists. The International Goat Association has offered significant as-

sistance to attain this vision. Thus we are pleased to announce the conference as a Regional IGA Conference.

The event will take place in Debrecen (Hungary) and Oradea (Nagyvárad, Romania). The cross-border conference offers an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow scientists, up-date your professional knowledge and establish collaboration with international partners.

We hope that the delegates will get a taste of lowland and highland goat husbandry, sample the variety of goat products that we have both in Hungary and Romania, and experience the hospitality of the two host nations.

[Click here for the preliminary program and additional information](#) (or visit www.ercg2014.org).

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